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General:

1) (Q) *What does a contractor/permit holder have to supply for an inspection?*

(A) Section 107.2 of the NC Administrative Code states that it is the duty of the permit holder “to provide access to and means for inspection of the work for any inspections that are required by this code.”

Equipment:

1) (Q) *Does a ejector pump tank, installed for the future, require the contents (fluids) to be pumped prior to the final inspection?*

(A) The pumping of the tank would be advisable, but it would be the contractor’s discretion. However, the unused openings (vent, etc.) need to be capped until they are used.

2) (Q) *Does a residential fire sprinkler system require backflow devices?*

(A) If the fire sprinkler system is separate from the plumbing distribution system, then yes, a double check assembly would be required.

3)• (Q) *What size/type water heater requires a safety pan?*

(A) Section 504.7 does not exempt any type or size water heater or tank from the requirement of safety pans.

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Drainage:

1)• *(Q) What are the stipulations, if any, on the replacement of drainage piping on fire damaged structures?*

(A) The damaged piping may be replaced with piping materials and methods used at the time the structure was built. The only difference would be penetrations through rated assemblies. These penetrations are considered “life safety” and would have to meet the Code.